

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9011

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Porter upon his induction into the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is David Porter, who, as a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, was a 2021 inductee to the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a Memphis living legend, David Porter began his illustrious career as a musician immediately upon his graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, soon becoming a prolific songwriter and producer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter was the first African-American songwriter for legendary Stax Records and was a co-writing partner with Isaac Hayes, writing and producing such classic hits as "Soul Man," "Hold On, I'm Coming," "When Something is Wrong with My Baby," and "I Thank You"; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Songwriters Hall of Fame, David Porter is one of the most sampled songwriters/producers in the entire music industry, with more than 370 of his songs having been sampled and re-recorded; his catalog exceeds 400 million units, and he has received credits for "Dreamlover" by Mariah Carey and "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" by Will Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter has shared his expertise and talents as a member of numerous boards and organizations, including The Recording Academy, the Memphis and Shelby County Film and Television Commission, the University of Memphis Board of Visitors, Youth Villages, the Stax Museum Foundation, and the Tennessee Film, Entertainment, and Music Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, he formed The Consortium MMT, a nonprofit organization that seeks to provide young people with resources to attain success in the music industry; five years later, he co-founded Made in Memphis Entertainment, a full-service entertainment company; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Mr. Porter, and it is appropriate that we recognize him on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate David Porter upon his induction into the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame, commending his commitment to his community and his many contributions to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.